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CLUB NOTES

TODAY, after being without a first team match at Deepdale since Derby County's visit on 14th December owing to severe frost which put our fixture with Millwall among the many postponed, we have pleasure in welcoming Nottingham Forest for an F.A. Cup-tie.

It will be a keen struggle but, we hope, one to remember, for Forest have long had the reputation of being one of the most attractive First Division teams for style and quality. Being drawn at home makes a pleasing change for North End in that last season we had to visit Queen's Park and 'Spurs.

Since reaching the Final in 1964 we have lost in the national competition to Bolton (home 1–2) fourth round, Manchester United (away 1–3) sixth round replay, Aston Villa (home 0–1) third round, and Tottenham Hotspur (away 1–3) fourth round.

Our only Yuletide match—the traditional local "derby" with Blackburn—resulted in the Rovers winning at Ewood by the only goal. On the play, as our many followers would agree, we deserved at least a draw, but failed to take our best chances.

There was a happier feeling at Deepdale after the match with Derby County, even though another home point was lost. The Second Division leaders proved themselves a capable side from back to front despite the difficult playing conditions.

The pitch, after a night's hard frost and cold morning, offered only a precarious foothold, being slippery in many places. Both sides tackled these problems with confidence, willingly taking risks. In the circumstances the match was surprisingly good.

It was a pity there were not more people there to enjoy it. The near-13,000 crowd was 5,223 fewer than saw the corresponding match last April. This closely followed a drop of 4,556 on the Bolton match compared with the attendance when the Wanderers came to Deepdale 12 months earlier.

ATTENDANCES DOWN

No doubt the cold weather and tricky roads kept some spectators away from the Derby match, and disappointment over our recent lapses did not help. But considering that Derby's visit was one of our more attractive fixtures the attendance regrettably reflected apathy. It was our second lowest this season at a League match.

The crowd aggregate for the first 12 home games is down by about 1,000 a match. The comparative figures are 173,810 for this season and 186,609 last season, a difference of 12,799.

Basing a comparison on corresponding matches, there is also a decline. The increases total 11,205 and the decreases, substituting relegated Fulham for promoted Queen's Park Rangers, 15,044, which leaves 4,019 on the debit side.

People not at the Derby match missed an exciting, spirited display full of incidents, with good saves and escapes at both ends. It ended in the sixth draw of the season at Deepdale, neither side scoring.

This game was followed by a well-earned 1–1 draw at Hull, where Gerry Ingram had the satisfaction, as when Hull City visited Deepdale in October, of scoring against his home town team, and thereby achieving a personal ambition.

Programme: Editorial—WALTER PILKINGTON and STUART WEBB (Asst. Secretary)

COMPETITION PAGE

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Who was North End's leading goal scorer in League matches 1966/67 season and how many goals did he score.

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Division I	Lge.	FLC	FAC	Eur. Comps.	Total
Greaves (Spurs)	20	5	–	–	25
Hurst (West Ham) ..	19	4	–	–	23
Law (Manchester U.)	9	–	–	9	18
Royle (Everton)	15	3	–	–	18
Casper (Burnley) ...	11	6	–	–	17
MOORE (Forest)....	16	1	–	–	17

Division II					
Curran (Norwich) ...	16	5	–	–	21
Toshack (Cardiff)...	15	–	–	2	17
IRVINE (Preston) ...	12	3	–	–	15
Wagstaff (Hull)	13	1	–	–	14
Jackson, C. (Palace)	10	3	–	–	13

Division III	Lge.	FLC	FAC	Eur. Comps.	Total
Rogers (Swindon) ..	13	5	1	–	19
Atkins (Stockport)..	15	–	2	–	17
Andrews (Southp't)	12	2	1	–	15
Mulvaney (Barrow) .	13	–	2	–	15
Yardley (Tranmere).	11	3	–	–	14
Yeo (Gillingham) ...	13	–	1	–	14

Division IV					
Banks (Exeter).....	12	2	1	–	15
Best (Southend)....	6	1	8	–	15
Hall (Peterborough)	11	4	–	–	15
Talbot (Chester)....	13	1	1	–	15
Ham (Bradford City)	12	2	–	–	14

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From the Manager's Chair

HOW I SEE IT

by North End manager
BOBBY SEITH

IT HAS BEEN a pleasure to hear so many people saying how much they enjoyed our game with Derby County. I am told this has been fairly general in the town. At least a cheerful change from the previous fortnight.

I can assure you supporters that it does players good to get a pat on the back occasionally. For if they are conscientious and want to do well, which applies to North End, they do not need telling when they have been off-key or things have gone badly.

We dropped a home point. Yet very few of the fans seem to have grumbled. They accepted that disappointment because it was an entertaining game, with their team wanting the ball, going for it, and usually doing something advantageous with it, such as creating scoring chances.

There were plenty of these among all the other exciting incidents which held everybody's attention. It was really incredible, once or twice, that we did not score. Personally I thought North End deserved to win, and that it was a pity after all the good football they played and the wholehearted effort put into it that we got only one point. Brian Clough, the manager of Derby, who thought well of our team after the first contest, is still of that opinion.

Derby without doubt looked a very competent and efficient side, well organised at the back and purposeful when moving forward. There was a pretty shrewd link-up throughout the team. I liked the absence of gamesmanship from their play and the rarity of an intended foul. This was said of their Reserves at Deepdale the previous week, and it is a credit to the club.

Fouls, mainly of a technical character, were difficult to avoid in the League match because of the extremely difficult condition of the frostbound pitch, which was treacherous in places. In the circumstances the quality of the football provided by both sides, despite the precarious foothold, was all the more admirable. Consequently we saw a keen, clean and sporting encounter.

I was very pleased with the contribution of our two young newcomers, Alec Spark and Ricky Heppolette. Both acquitted themselves well and played with infectious confidence. This was the more encouraging on account of the state of the pitch. It was a trying baptism for a youngster, and both these boys are only 19, but neither showed any nervousness or any sign of being subdued by the occasion. They fought for the ball and both played with tremendous enthusiasm.

The experience will have taught them something, not least on how to pace a game and conserve energy. A pleasing reflection was that Heppolette's muscle trouble seems to have been overcome. He had no complaints about his old enemy, cramp, and he lasted the full 90 minutes, a good sign.

How unfortunate it was that Jim McNab had to go off with a knee injury after fitting in at left back as I believed he would. And what a hoodoo there is on this position for North End, with John Ritchie off the rota for so long, then Jim Smith injured, and now McNab. This brings me to another point—the discouraging reception of Archie Gemmill when he came on as substitute.

A section of the crowd started booing him before he even got out of his track suit. This, I thought, was disgraceful. Surely a lad is entitled to a fair chance. That sort of attitude is so senseless. It can never help any team, much less the individual singled out for abuse. I do appeal to spectators to see that no North End player ever gets such harsh treatment again.

Gemmill, to his credit, brushed it off and must have won over some of his critics by his grit and the adaptability he showed in a role so strange to him. He played hard and well. He hardly ever wasted a ball. In fact he rather stole the thunder judging by the applause his efforts earned.

But not every individual has Archie's fighting spirit. There are players who would have been put right off by such a reception and been too scared to go for the ball in case they made a mistake. I repeat: it does no good at all to give any player the "bird." He feels it, and it upsets his colleagues too.

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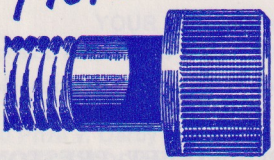

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OUR VISITORS

WHATEVER THE outcome of today's tussle, which both clubs so dearly want to win or have a second opportunity, such old rivals as The Forest and North End will most certainly remain good friends whose mutual admiration spans more than 80 years. It is based on appreciation of such qualities as stylish football, the sterling character of many individuals who have done a great deal for the game on and off the field, and sportsmanship. Preston has a high regard for Nottingham Forest.

For these reasons we extend a most cordial welcome to the team, the official party, and their supporters, and hope we shall see a clean and attractive Cup-tie thriller comparable with that which took North End over the first hurdle on their way to Wembley five years ago.

It is well remembered. The draw gave Forest ground advantage, but Preston forced a replay, neither side scoring. An extra time snap goal by Howard Kendall at the Fulwood end in a snowstorm settled the issue. As neither side really deserved to lose we could sympathise with them sincerely.

The League had not been founded when Forest first came to Deepdale on 10th April, 1886. They suffered a 7–0 defeat, but wiped the slate clean at the City ground on 9th April, 41 years later, with a 7–0 win. This is still our heaviest away reverse in League football, but not the most humiliating. The palm for that goes to Blackpool for a 7–0 win at Deepdale on the last day of 1947/48.

Our rivalry with Forest began with five "friendlies," the first four of which North End won by 18 goals to three. The next meeting was more competitive, an F.A. Cup-tie in February, 1892, which Forest won by 2–0. Elected to the First Division the following season, they were our guests at 33 League games in 66 seasons of membership. The 66 home and away encounters resulted in 29 North End wins, 15 draws and 22 defeats, the last of which, in 1960, helped to put us in Division Two.

In 1924/25 the two clubs were relegated together and did not meet again in the First Division for 25 seasons. By then Forest were firmly established and improved upon the best performances of former teams by becoming runners-up in the 1966/67 title race and winning the F.A. Cup for the second time in 1959, the two highlights of a sequence of 10 seasons in their present company.

Pen Pictures

Peter GRUMMITT *(goalkeeper)*. Signed as a youth in 1960 after trials with Birmingham City and Notts County. Soon afterwards turned professional. His League debut at 18 made him the youngest senior 'keeper in Forest's history. Recognised now as one of the six best. Born at Bourne.

Peter HINDLEY *(right back)*. Like Grummitt, has had England Under-23 recognition. Recommended originally as a centre forward in which position his father played for Forest. Professional from June, 1961. His assets of height, weight and speed brought him to the fore. Born Worksop.

John WINFIELD *(left back)*. Signed May, 1959, as a promising young inside forward, made progress "backwards" to earn a regular place as a mobile, foraging defender. Born Draycott.

Terry HENNESSEY *(right half)*. Dynamic leader and outstanding Welsh international (born Llay) after gaining honours at all other levels. Signed from Birmingham City in November, 1965, proved a fine capture and commanding personality.

Bob McKINLAY *(centre half)*. Born Lochgelly. Long a credit to Forest and the game. Making his debut in October, 1951, has made more than 600 first team appearances, easily a club record. Did not miss a match in six consecutive seasons. Played in the 1959 Cup winning team.

Henry NEWTON *(left half)*. A local product who joined Forest from school in January, 1960. League debut in October, 1963. In England's Under-23 team 1964 v. Rumania and Czechoslovakia.

Barry LYONS *(outside right)*. Another "native" hailing from Shirebrook, though it was with Rotherham that he came to prominence from 1962 until signed by Forest four years later.

Paul RICHARDSON *(inside right)*. A talented young forward who is confirming the promise shown in his solitary League game last season and subsequently. Well-built worker. Born Notts.

Joe BAKER *(centre forward)*. First capped by England when with Hibernian, with whom he had made 100 League and Cup appearances when 19, averaging a goal a game. Torino signed him for £73,000 in May, 1961. After a year in Italy he came back, Arsenal signing him for a like sum. When transferred to Forest in March, 1966, had added another 100 goals to his haul. Born at Liverpool.

Bob CHAPMAN *(inside left)*. Became Forest's youngest-ever forward when, soon after being recruited from his native Walsall's junior football in 1963, aged 17, he made his League debut.

Ian STOREY-MOORE *(outside left)*. An outstanding forward of great versatility, having played in all five positions. Strong, fast and on his day a brilliant finisher. England Under-23 honours. Born Ipswich, made League debut against Ipswich Town at Nottingham on 10th May, 1963.

Jim BAXTER *(wing half)*. Many times capped, and superb when in the mood, scored both Scotland's goals against England in April, 1965. Forest's record fee, approximately £100,000, got him from Sunderland in December, 1967. Born Hill O'Beath.

← NOTTINGHAM FOREST, SEASON 1968/1969

Back row (left to right): Bob Chapman, Peter Hindley, Peter Grummitt, Tommy Cavanagh (Trainer), Brian Williamson, Dave Hilley, Jim Baxter.

Front row (left to right): John Winfield, Henry Newton, Barry Lyons, John Barnwell, Bob McKinlay, Terry Hennessey, Ian Storey-Moore.

Seated: Billy Taylor, John Brindley, Joe Baker.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST

FOCUS on FRANK LEE

IF TODAY'S match had been a League game it would have been an especially memorable occasion for him through bringing his total of League appearances for North End into three figures. His ninety-ninth was at Blackburn, but the postponement of the Millwall game meant a longer wait for the milestone which gives every player a little added status. Rightly he feels he has got somewhere.

Frank deserves it for his unspared effort and pluck, although he is not the type to put personal status before the needs of his team, despite his fondness for "showing the ball" to his opponent and trying to beat him by deception and skilful footwork. Every natural ball player likes to do it, and this two-footed winger certainly has many of the essential attributes.

He has the speed and dexterity to be elusive and at times delights with the adroitness of his mazy footwork. A strong shot, which one would like to see oftener, is another of his strong points. To date it has yielded him 17 goals in League matches: a fair comment is that he has played well enough to deserve more—plus sympathy for numerous near misses.

Frank, who will be 25 next month and was born at Chorley, has had only one League club—P.N.E. At 16½, after local experience with Horwich schoolboys and St. Joseph's, Anderton (he gained Lancashire Youth recognition), he signed amateur forms at Deepdale, and a year later turned part-time professional, continuing with his trade apprenticeship until finishing his time.

That was in April, 1965, after which he devoted himself wholly to football. But for not being in full training he would probably have made more than five League appearances up to that time, starting with one game in 1963/64. In his first season as a full-time professional he was on first team duty 28 times, and played in 36 League matches the following season.

His happiest day in football was when he contributed to the downfall of Tottenham Hotspur in an F.A. Cup-tie at Deepdale three years ago. His ambition is First Division football, which is a sound reason for his choice of North End (and Derby County) as the likeliest promotion candidates when the season started. For the League Championship he plumped for Liverpool.

Yet another admirer of Bobby Charlton, Francis Lee rates him the most complete professional in the game, and ranks Ray Wilson second. His favourite away ground is Bolton, on account of his local associations. A single man (with, it would seem, time running out), he enjoys and shares a variety of interests outside football, including Adlington Opera Society, golf, cricket and driving his Hillman Minx. If he could alter English weather for the better, he would, and, given the chance, no doubt would do away with insects, his other pet aversion, too. — **W.P.**

Frank pictured with his girl-friend, Barbara Hardman, at North End's Christmas party

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NORTH END FAC

League Division II, 1968-69

1968			1968-9	1967-8	Pts.	Attendances Gain	Loss	1968-9	1967-8
Aug. 10	Middlesbrough	A	1–2	0–5	0	4,664	—	19,014	14,350
,, 14	**F.L. Cup 1st Round, Oldham**	**H**	**1–1**	–	–	—	—	10,287	—
,, 17	Huddersfield Town	H	1–0	3–1	2	—	681	12,673	13,354
,, 21	**F.L. Cup 1st Rd. Replay, Oldham**	**A**	**1–0**	–	–	—	—	4,434	—
,, 24	Cardiff City	A	0–1	0–2	0	—	1,553	11,344	12,897
,, 26	Portsmouth	H	0–0	3–1	1	3,890	—	13,828	9,938
,, 31	Birmingham City	H	4–1	0–0	2	—	2,760	14,112	16,872
Sept. 4	**League Cup 2nd Rd., Crystal P.**	**A**	**1–3**	–	–	—	—	12,594	—
,, 7	Bury	A	1–0	–	2	—	—	10,609	—
,, 14	Charlton Athletic	H	1–1	4–1	1	2,783	—	13,986	11,203
,, 16	Blackpool	A	1–1	1–4	1	10,684	—	27,975	16,291
,, 21	Crystal Palace	A	2–1	0–2	2	5,807	—	13,577	7,770
,, 28	Norwich City	H	1–3	1–0	0	—	258	14,778	15,036
,, 30	Carlisle United	H	2–2	0–2	1	1,503	—	14,984	13,481
Oct. 5	Blackburn Rovers	H	1–1	3–5	1	649	—	20,681	20,032
,, 9	Portsmouth	A	1–1	1–2	1	—	1,042	20,393	21,435
,, 12	Derby County	A	0–1	2–1	0	9,363	—	27,146	17,783
,, 19	Hull City	H	1–0	3–2	2	—	505	13,823	14,328
,, 26	Millwall	A	0–0	0–2	1	6,091	—	15,827	9,736
Nov. 9	Aston Villa	A	1–0	0–1	2	109	—	13,374	13,285
,, 16	Bristol City	H	1–0	0–1	2	2,200	—	12,325	10,125
,, 23	Sheffield United	A	0–4	–	0	—	—	15,969	—
,, 25	Fulham	H	0–0	–	1	—	—	14,730	—
,, 30	Bolton Wanderers	H	1–4	1–1	0	—	4,556	15,242	19,798
Dec. 7	Oxford United	A	1–2	–	0	—	—	7,005	—
,, 14	Derby County	H	0–0	1–1	1	—	5,223	12,648	17,871
,, 20	Hull City	A	1–1	1–1	1	1,894	—	15,976	14,082
,, 26	Blackburn Rovers	A	0–1	1–0	0	969	—	21,224	20,255
1969									
Jan. 4	**F.A. Cup 3rd Round** Nottm Forest	H		3–1					—
,, 11	Fulham	A	–	–					—
,, 18	Aston Villa	H	–	2–1					17,043
,, 25	**F.A. Cup 4th Round**			1–3					—
Feb. 1	Bristol City	A	–	1–4					16,935
,, 8	Sheffield United	H	–	–					—
,, 15	Bolton Wanderers	A	–	0–0					14,664
,, 22	Oxford United	H	–	–					—
Mar. 1	Middlesbrough	H	–	0–0					15,229
,, 8	Huddersfield Town	A	–	1–1					10,834
,, 15	Cardiff City	H	–	3–0					13,735
,, 22	Birmingham City	A	–	0–3					27,664
,, 29	Bury	H	–	–					—
April 5	Norwich City	A	–	3–1					18,231
,, 7	Carlisle United	A	–	1–4					11,228
,, 8	Blackpool	H	–	0–2					21,499
,, 12	Crystal Palace	H	–	0–0					13,313
,, 19	Charlton Athletic	A	–	0–0					11,612
	Millwall (postponed Dec. 28th)	H	–	0–1					11,445

Central League, 1968-69

1968			
Aug. 10	—Newcastle United	H	3 2
,, 17	—Nottingham Forest	A	1–1
,, 20	—Everton	A	1–1
,, 24	—Coventry City	H	3–1
,, 27	—Burnley	A	0–1
,, 31	—West Bromwich Albion	A	1–2
Sept. 7	—Manchester United	H	2–0
,, 16	—Everton	H	0–1
,, 21	—Bury	H	3–1
,, 28	—Sheffield Wednesday	A	0–1
Oct. 5	—Leeds United	A	1–0
,, 12	—Blackburn Rovers	H	1–1
,, 14	—Leeds United	H	0–0
,, 19	—Blackpool	A	0–1
,, 26	—Liverpool	H	0–5
Nov. 2	—Bolton Wanderers	A	1–2
,, 9	—Aston Villa	H	2–2
,, 16	—Wolverhampton Wanderers	A	1–0
,, 23	—Manchester City	H	2–1
,, 30	—Sheffield United	A	2–2
Dec. 7	—Derby County	H	3–0
1968			
Dec. 21	—Blackpool	H	0–2
1969			
Jan. 4	—Stoke City	H	....
,, 11	—Bolton Wanderers	H	....
,, 18	—Aston Villa	A	....
,, 25	—Burnley	H	....
Feb. 1	—Wolverhampton Wanderers	H	....
,, 8	—Manchester City	A	....
,, 15	—Sheffield United	H	....
,, 22	—Derby County	A	....
Mar. 1	—Newcastle United	A	....
,, 8	—Nottingham Forest	H	....
,, 14	—Coventry City	A	....
,, 22	—West Bromwich Albion	H	....
,, 29	—Manchester United	A	....
April 5	—Sheffield Wednesday	H	....
,, 8	—Stoke City	A	....
,, 12	—Bury	A	....
,, 19	—Huddersfield Town	H	....
—	—Huddersfield Town	A	....
—	—Blackburn Rovers	A	....
—	—Liverpool	A	....

TS AND FIGURES

North End Appearances and Goals, 1968-69

Football League, Division II—P25, W7, D10, L8, Goals F22, A27, Pts 24

	G	RB	LB	RH	CH	LH	OR	IR	CF	IL	OL	Total
Alan KELLY	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	25
Bert PATRICK	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
George ROSS	—	20	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	22
John RITCHIE	—	—	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16
Jim SMITH	—	—	3	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
John BRIGHT	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Alec SPARK	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Graham HAWKINS	—	—	—	—	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	25
Ken KNIGHTON	—	—	—	—	—	19	—	3	—	3	—	25
Jim McNAB	—	—	3	13	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	19
Richard HEPPOLETTE	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	3
David WILSON	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	—	—	—	1	16
David HUGHES	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	3
Alan SPAVIN	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	—	—	—	18
Willie IRVINE	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24	—	—	24
Gerry INGRAM	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	19	—	20
George LYALL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	2	—	5
Archie GEMMILL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	5	7
Derek TEMPLE	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	8	15
Frank LEE	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	11
Total	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	

League Division II Scorers—Irvine 12; Knighton 3; Ingram 3; Spavin, Lee, Temple, Gemmill 1 each—Total 22. League Cup Scorers—Irvine 3.

LEAGUE DIVISION II

(up to and including 28th December)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	Pts
Derby County	24	12	9	3	30	21	33
Cardiff City	26	14	4	8	46	34	32
Middlesbrough	24	13	4	7	38	27	30
Hull City	26	9	10	7	37	32	30
Millwall	25	12	5	8	39	29	29
Crystal Palace	24	12	5	7	42	32	29
Charlton Athletic	25	10	9	6	34	32	29
Blackburn Rovers	25	11	6	8	31	26	28
Huddersfield Town	25	10	7	8	32	30	27
Blackpool	25	8	10	7	29	20	26
Carlisle United	26	9	8	9	29	31	26
Bolton Wanderers	25	8	8	9	36	31	24
Portsmouth	25	7	10	8	33	30	24
Sheffield United	24	9	6	9	31	28	24
Norwich City	25	9	6	10	32	31	24
Preston North End	25	7	10	8	22	27	24
Birmingham City	25	10	2	13	45	45	22
Aston Villa	26	6	8	12	23	38	20
Bury	25	7	6	12	37	51	20
Bristol City	25	4	11	10	19	31	19
Oxford United	24	5	6	13	18	33	16
Fulham	26	4	8	14	26	50	16

CENTRAL LEAGUE

(up to and including 28th December)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	Pts
Manchester United	24	16	6	2	48	23	38
Liverpool	25	16	5	4	45	13	37
Newcastle United	23	13	4	6	36	23	30
Burnley	27	11	8	8	40	34	30
West Bromwich Albion	25	12	5	8	39	28	29
Everton	24	11	4	9	23	25	26
Wolverhampton W.	24	9	7	8	34	33	25
Bury	24	11	3	10	33	38	25
Stoke City	23	9	6	8	26	22	24
Nottingham Forest	22	8	8	6	38	33	24
Sheffield United	24	8	7	9	41	28	23
Leeds United	24	7	9	8	21	29	23
Manchester City	22	11	0	11	35	33	22
Preston North End	22	8	6	8	27	27	22
Sheffield Wednesday	24	8	6	10	29	29	22
Huddersfield Town	24	10	2	12	33	44	22
Blackpool	25	7	7	11	45	49	21
Aston Villa	23	7	6	10	28	40	20
Bolton Wanderers	23	7	3	13	24	42	17
Derby County	23	3	10	10	18	30	16
Blackburn Rovers	24	5	5	14	31	48	15
Coventry City	23	2	7	14	16	39	11

70 Countries Fighting to Topple England

ANOTHER YEAR has passed, and the next World Cup final tournament is no longer an event we can push to the back of our minds. The Mexico confrontation is due next year. Already 69 countries are battling it out for the chance to win England's crown, and another, hosts Mexico, will go into battle on 31st May, 1970.

The first country to win a sub-group was the U.S.A. who topped a section comprising Canada and Bermuda. This doesn't mean the States are guaranteed a place in Mexico, though, for they must now participate in a tournament with winners of the other three sub-groups in Group 13.

The European groups are all straightforward leagues of three or four countries and this continent will end up with eight finalists plus England. Early results filtering through have already shown some shocks and fancied countries like West Germany, runners-up in 1966, France and Spain all face the possibility of elimination at the qualifying stage.

While West Germany have not been concerned with any shock World Cup results, their form in recent friendlies has been anything but championship stuff and their World Cup wins over Austria (2–0) and Cyprus (1–0) were not convincing. Scotland have a wonderful chance to top this section after wins over Austria (2–1) and Cyprus (5–0).

The biggest upset so far was Portugal's 2–4 defeat in Greece. Fortunately for the Portuguese there is very little serious opposition in their group and this set-back should not prove disastrous.

France, on the other hand, may never recover from an astounding home defeat by Norway, who take part merely to make up the numbers. The Norwegians had previously been thrashed 5–0 by Sweden but they pulled off a 1–0 shock in Paris which set off a national debate into the state of French football. Sweden are now firm favourites to take Group 5.

These are the latest tables in the European groups:

Group 1	P	Pts
Greece	2	2
Portugal	2	2
Rumania	2	2
Switzerland	2	2

Group 2	P	Pts
Czechoslovakia	2	4
Hungary	0	0
Rep. of Ireland	0	0
Denmark	2	0

Group 3	P	Pts
Italy	1	2
East Germany	0	0
Wales	1	0

Group 4	P	Pts
Northern Ireland	2	4
U.S.S.R.	0	0
Turkey	2	0

Group 5	P	Pts
Sweden	1	2
Norway	2	2
France	1	0

Group 6	P	Pts
Belgium	4	7
Yugoslavia	3	3
Spain	2	2
Finland	3	0

Group 7	P	Pts
Scotland	2	4
West Germany	2	4
Austria	3	2
Cyprus	3	0

Group 8	P	Pts
Bulgaria	1	2
Netherlands	2	2
Poland	0	0
Luxembourg	1	0

NOTTINGHAM FOREST QUIZ

1—Which is the older club, Forest or Notts County?

2—What unique football distinction can the City of Nottingham claim?

3—Who was Forest's most noted manager and what was his connection with Aston Villa?

4—Bob McKinlay's long service with Forest is well-known. Which former colleague had a comparable record?

5—Nottingham Forest won the F.A. Cup in 1898 and 1959. What was remarkable about the second triumph?

6—Have Forest ever been League champions?

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Today's Personalities

Spotlight on Forest Star JOE BAKER

JOE BAKER almost gave up the chance of a professional career because he was home-sick! He travelled down to London with his brother Gerry for a trial with Chelsea. They both played quite well, Gerry was offered terms and Joe, who was only 14 at the time, invited to join their groundstaff.

"Gerry stayed for about a year," recalls Joe. "But I felt London was an awful long way from our home in Wishaw and after a few days I went home."

Joe resigned himself to playing junior football until Hibernian took an interest in him. He began his professional career at Easter Road, making his League debut in 1957/58. He was the club's top scorer in each of his four seasons in the first team and shortly before his transfer to Italy in the summer of 1961, Joe hit nine goals against Peebles Rovers in a Scottish F.A. Cup-tie.

In September, 1958, he became the first man ever to be picked for an English professional international team while playing with a Scottish club when he was selected for England Under-23 v. Poland. The following season he got his chance in England's full international team against Northern Ireland at Wembley, scoring one of the goals in a 2–1 victory. Now Joe has eight full caps.

After an unhappy stay with Torino, who paid Hibernian £70,000, Baker returned to British football with Arsenal, who paid a similar fee in 1962. Three times in four seasons he was the Gunners' top scorer, then Forest brought the total transfer cash expended upon Joe to approximately £200,000 in February, 1966, when a then club record £65,000 took him to the City Ground. He led Forest's scoring list with 21 League and Cup goals last season but has only managed three this season.

Man in the Middle

VINCENT JAMES (York)

VINCENT JAMES this afternoon makes his second visit of the season to Deepdale. A brewery representative and part-time secretary of the York City branch of theWorking Men's Club and Institute Union Ltd., Mr. James took up refereeing in 1948. "I was formerly a player until I asked a decent scout to give me his frank opinion of my play," he recalls. "He did—and, after listening to him, I never played again!"

It was the York and District League who blooded him as a referee. Then he moved up to the Yorkshire League and, in 1955, was appointed a Football League linesman. Five years later he became a League referee.

He has participated in many big games. He has been a linesman at full and Under-23 internationals and for the 1967 F.A. Cup final. He has refereed a Scotland v. Switzerland amateur international and run the line in Inter-Cities Fairs Cup matches. He has officiated at every stage of the F.A. Cup competition and refereed every local cup final, including the Yorkshire League Cup Final and the North Riding Cup Final.

Mr. James, who lives in York, is married with sons aged 13 and 8. He is vice-president and chairman of the Yorkshire Section of the Association of Football League Referees and Linesmen.

CORNER KICKS

FAN CLUBS

Latest North End players to have fan clubs started on their behalf are Alan Spavin, John Ritchie and David Hughes. Supporters wishing to join these fan clubs should contact:

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Miss June Boulter,
33 Grafton Street,
Preston, Lancs.

John Ritchie Fan Club,
Allison and Evelyn Hart,
"Holly Bank,"
91 Liverpool Old Road,
Much Hoole,
Preston, Lancs.

David Hughes Fan Club,
Sue and Cathy,
55 Lowthorpe Road,
Deepdale,
Preston, Lancs.

All enquiries to include stamped addressed envelope.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Alan Tinsley, our Reserve Team centre forward, on his selection for the England Youth Squad get-together at Lilleshall from 13th to 15th January. Seventeen-year-old Alan, who hails from Fleetwood, is leading scorer for the Reserves at the moment with eight goals to his credit.

JUNIOR SUPPORTER'S CLUB

The date arranged for the JUNIOR SPECTACULAR will be Tuesday, 21st January, 1969. This will take place in the Supporters Club commencing at 5 p.m. and run through to 8 p.m. Special features will include film show, junior cabaret, refreshments, star guest appearances, plus SUPER TREASURE CHEST COMPETITION. All junior members will receive invitations by post in the usual manner.

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Flashback

F.A. CUP THIRD ROUND REPLAY
NORTH END v. NOTT'M. FOREST
13th JANUARY, 1964

Howard Kendall scoring the only goal of the match to put NORTH END through to the Fourth Round. North End team: Kelly, Ross, Davidson, Lawton, Singleton, Kendall, Wilson, Ashworth, Dawson, Spavin, Holden.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1—Notts County, but by only three years. Notts County, formed 1862, played football before any other League club in the world.

2—Neither of the League clubs had to qualify for the premier division. Notts were elected one of the original 12 in 1888, Forest were elected when a second division was formed four years later.

3—W. H. Walker, Forest's manager for 21 years until his retirement in 1960, after which he served on the club committee to the time of his death in November, 1964, was a renowned Villa and England inside forward in the 1920's.

4—Wing half Jack Burkitt, who retired in 1962 after playing for Forest in 503 first team games.

5—They beat Luton Town with 10 men, through Roy Dwight, Forest's outside right having a leg broken in the thirtieth minute.

6—No; but they were runners-up two years ago.

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N.B. Please note that Fulham F.C. do not have a Supporters' Clubhouse at Craven Cottage.

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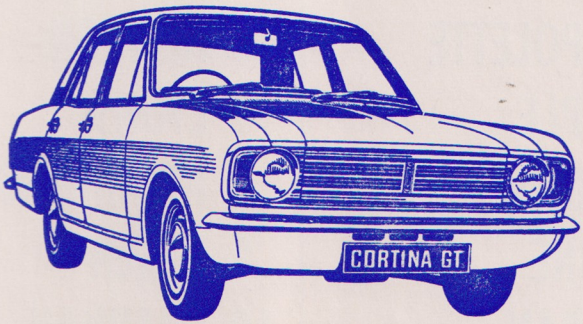

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CENTRAL LEAGUE
NORTH END RESERVE v. BOLTON WANDERERS RESERVE

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